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For: **IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action (Paper No. 7) dated July 8, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.